

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3040
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.07.2019**

Open Defecation Free Villages

3040. SHRI ANNASAHEB SHANKAR JOLLE:

Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) the in-depth details of the open defecation free villages of the country;
- (b) whether the Government is moving towards making our country open defecation free in a time bound manner and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government has recognized priority districts of Karnataka or at the national level to achieve cent-percent target and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)**

(a) to (c) The Government had launched Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) [SBM(G)] with effect from 2nd October, 2014 with the aim to attain Open Defecation Free (ODF) India by 2nd October, 2019 by providing access to toilet facilities to all rural households in the country. Under SBM (G), 9.63 crore Individual household latrines (IHHLs) have been constructed in the country till 05.07.2019. As a result, sanitation coverage in the rural areas of the country which was 38.7% on 2.10.2014 has increased to more than 99% and 5,68,367 villages have declared themselves ODF. 30 States/UTs including Karnataka have been declared ODF and the remaining States are on track to become ODF on or before 2.10.2019.